

LEAGUE LINE

A Bulletin of The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When composing my President's comments for the League Line, I usually try to write a bit of humor or thoughts that may have crossed my mind during the month. This time, I was having a lot of trouble keeping my thoughts away from the darker side. I decided to let my favorite poet say it for me.

the ending.

you see, i already know the ending.

*good wins. peace prevails. the dragon
is slayed and the sword is raised.*

*but first we must go through the part
of the story where the plot has not
yet twisted. the battle is not yet won.*

the storm is raging. the tower is locked.

the apple is poisoned. the wolf is ready

*and waiting in bed, wearing grandmother's
clothing. but i already know the ending.*

i already know the ending.

ullie-kaye

We are way past the Party Conventions and are all weary of the incessant ads and daily rallies, not to mention the unending lies and promises. We are now down to making sure that we and all the people we know vote. We cannot afford to let anyone "sit this one out"! We will then sit spellbound watching the election results. We can only hope that it ends well!

Kandy Duncan, President

OCTOBER FORUM

Dr. Claire Campbell, Professor of History and Affiliated Faculty in Environmental Studies at Bucknell University, spoke at the LWVLA Forum on October 15th in the Community Room at the Public Library. Thirty-two people attended the presentation, *Think Globally, Act Locally: Learning from Environmental History and Taking Action*.

Dr. Campbell began her talk with a discussion of the slogan from the first Earth Day in 1970, "Think globally, Act locally". She pointed out that in the context of acting globally Pennsylvania was in many ways the keystone state, being both a major source of coal in the early nineteenth century and then a major source of oil in the late nineteenth and into the twentieth century.

Editor's Note: With this month's issue, the *League Line* has been reformatted to a new size. You can now print it out on normal (8 1/2 x 11") printer paper!

Enjoy, Betsy & Dawn

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, November 1st. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

Monday, November 4th, 4:30p.m.

***BOARD MEETING**

Mary Lahner's home

904 Lakeside Drive, Lewisburg

***Note:** The Board is meeting at a new location this month!

Tuesday, November 5th

GENERAL ELECTION

Polls open from 7a.m. – 8p.m.

Tuesday, November 19th, 10:30-11:30a.m.

****FORUM**

Kyle Kopko, Executive Director of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania

"Pennsylvania's Changing Population: How Demographics Will Shape the Next 25 Years"

The Public Library for Union County,
Community Room

Tuesday, December 17th, 10:30-11:30a.m.

****FORUM**

Nick Clark, Professor of Political Science,
Susquehanna University

"Understanding the Election Results"
The Public Library for Union County,
Community Room
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA

****Note:** The **Forum** is meeting at a new location and time!

Dr. Campbell had a number of slides starting with a quote from Benjamin Franklin illustrating the prevailing secular and religious attitude that land was a resource for man to utilize. Also, first starting with George Perkins Marsh in 1847, individuals had been arguing that local activity affected the climate.

Public policy became part of controlling and utilizing nature. For example, the Susquehanna River was declared a public waterway in 1771. Dr. Campbell cited the canal cut to Lewisburg and the Milton canal as examples of people altering the natural environment for industrial purposes. She concluded that just as those endeavors to alter the environment required community action, so changes to restore the environment will also require community action.

Mary Zimmerman,
Forum Committee Co-Chair

NOVEMBER FORUM

On November 19th, the LWVLA Educational Forum will feature Dr. Kyle Kopko, Executive Director of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. His topic will be *Pennsylvania's Changing Population: How Demographics Will Shape the Next 25 Years*. Remember that the venue and time of the Forum has changed this year; it will be held in the Public Library for Union County Community Room, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg. The doors open at 10:00a.m., and the presentation is from 10:30 to 11:30.

This event is free and open to everyone. For more information, email:

LWVLAForum@gmail.com.

Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member,

Cheryl Cope,
2 Century Drive, Lewisburg
ccope5654@gmail.com

Membership renewals have been coming in but we don't have them all yet. If you have not yet sent your dues in, please remember to do so.

INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT

Integrity of the Ballot fliers have been distributed to libraries, post offices, government offices and other general gathering places around the county. Several posters are also on display around town. The committee is gratified to have this information now easily accessible to the public. This information is also available on the League's website.

Editor's note: To download the Integrity of the Ballot pamphlet from our LWVLA website, click [here](#).

VOTER EDUCATION/REGISTRATION EVENT

On Saturday October 19th, the Mauch Project, along with the Lewisburg Children's Museum, sponsored a voter registration exhibit at the Lewisburg Children's Museum. Various league members were on hand to answer families' questions about the election. Children were encouraged to cast their votes to decide what the next exhibit at the museum will be. The choice is among musical instruments, a new sensory wall, or a new activity board. Voting will continue until November 5th when votes will be counted to decide the winning choice which the League's Mauch Project will fund. Adults could register to vote, apply for a mail in ballot, or access information about candidates. This multigenerational event provided something for everyone. It was the Lewisburg League Mauch Millennial Project that established the voting exhibit in 2019 at the Lewisburg Children's Museum where it is a permanent educational activity.

GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION

Kandy Duncan, LWVLA President, presented two different programs to groups of Girl Scouts last month. One topic was the election, including some history of the process, and the security measures that surround a free and fair election. The second presentation described the history of the suffragette movement and the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

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VOTER SERVICES

Fall Voters Guide & VOTE411

The Fall 2024 *Voters Guide* is available online on the League website. Click [here](#) to download it from the League website
(my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/votersguide-fall2024.pdf)

The print version was delivered by 18 League members to our community post offices, libraries and 122 stores and offices.

VOTE411.org

VOTE411.org, the National League's website with candidate and voter information, is online. It's time for our members to display **VOTE411** yard signs to announce this event. Contact me to secure a yard sign. I'll have them on my porch for easy pick up.

"Disagree Better"

This program is endorsed by the National Governors Association and supported by the League of Women Voters. Many Lewisburg and Lycoming League members and community members, attended the Northumberland League sponsored workshop on October 14th in Milton. Presenter, Susan Jordon, Director of the Mediation Center, shared ways to communicate better through interactive discussion.

Ms. Jordon introduced tools that encourage active listening skills and affirmation of each person's inherent dignity. The objective is to create a way to use this program to help our community communicate better even when we disagree. Hopefully more information will follow.

Mail-In Ballot Voters

If you mail your ballot, be sure to allow plenty of time for it to be received by the Union County Election Office by Election day, November 5th, 2024. You can also return your ballot in person to the Election Office. If you need help returning your ballot, call the Union County Election Office at 570-524-8682, to make arrangements.

Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair